



MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

ROGER BERLINER
COUNCILMEMBER
DISTRICT 1

November 22, 2010

Honorable Barbara Mikulski
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Mikulski,

As you and our strong Team Maryland delegation work through the difficult dynamics of the lame duck session, I urge you to keep front and center the critical need to finalize the funding required to ensure a successful consolidation of Walter Reed and Bethesda Naval at the new National Navy Medical Center complex in Bethesda.

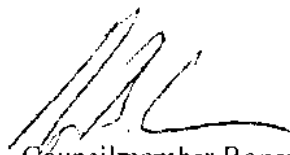
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I know that you recognize that it is neither right nor fair to ask the surrounding communities to potentially bear the brunt of these severe transportation related impacts without assistance from those that are causing it. Not only is it not fair, it is not possible: the State of Maryland faces a \$2 billion budget deficit next year; Montgomery County is facing a \$200 million budget "gap". Unless the federal government steps up to the plate and takes responsibility for its actions, a host of projects that have been worked on for years by local citizens, our county, and our state to partially mitigate the impacts will be delayed further, if not lost altogether.

The Bethesda communities most impacted, and all of us, want to welcome our wounded soldiers and their families, and we have worked within the BRAC Implementation Committee to try to anticipate the expanded demands this influx of

people will bring. Now is the time to honor that work and provide the necessary federal funds. Accordingly, I urge you to do all that is in your power to secure the resources required to mitigate the impact of this major Federal action on our community.

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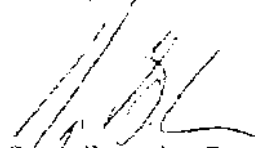
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United States House of Representatives
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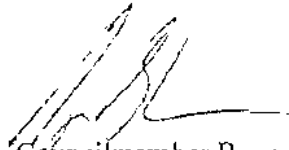
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